

Claim Listing

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A bit assembly for use in road milling equipment of the type including a bit, a bit holder including a first central bore in which a shank of said bit is mounted, and a bit block including a second bore in which said bit holder is mounted, an improvement comprising:

a cylindrical spacer shaped substantially identical to a shape of said shank on said bit, said cylindrical spacer being mountable in said first central bore between a distal end of said bit shank and a bottom end of said bit holder, a bottom of said cylindrical spacer providing indent means for receiving a bit removing tool thereon in close approximation to said bottom of said bit holder for aiding in removing said bit from said bit holder, and

said bit holder further includes means in communication with said first central bore for preventing said cylindrical spacer from exiting said first central bore out said bottom of said bit holder.

14. (currently amended) A bit assembly for use in road milling equipment of the type including a bit, a bit holder including a first central bore in which a shank of said bit is mounted, and a bit block including a second bore in which said bit holder is mounted, an improvement comprising:

a cylindrical spacer shaped substantially identical to a shape of said shank on said bit, said cylindrical spacer being mountable in said first central bore between a distal end of said bit shank and a bottom end of said bit holder, a bottom of said cylindrical spacer providing means for receiving a bit removing tool thereon in close approximation to said bottom of said bit holder for aiding in removing said bit from said bit holder,

said bit holder further includes means in communication with said first central bore for preventing said cylindrical spacer from exiting said first central bore out said bottom of said bit holder,

said means for preventing said cylindrical spacer from exiting said first central bore out said bottom of said bit holder including:

an elongate axially oriented slot in communication with a cylindrical sidewall of said cylindrical spacer positioned mediate a top and said bottom thereof,

a radially extending bore through an annular sidewall of said shank on said bit holder, and

a cylindrical pin mounted on said radially extending bore and extending into said elongate axially oriented slot on said

cylindrical spacer for limiting the sliding movement of said cylindrical spacer in said bit holder central bore, and

said elongate axially oriented slot includes at least a portion thereof having a depth greater than a length of said cylindrical pin for accepting said pin when it is desired to remove said cylindrical spacer from said bit holder central bore.

Claim 15 (Cancelled)